

Community Engagement Report

Stage 3: Outcome of Community Engagement



Boatshed/Bathing Box Policy Review

Project Overview	Quick Engagement Stats
<p>Boatsheds and Bathing boxes (bathing boxes) continue to be unique feature of Port Phillip Bay. Frankston City Council (Council) manages 59 bathing boxes on the Frankston foreshore. The Frankston foreshore is Crown Land, Council is the appointed Committee of Management under the <i>Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978</i>. Council's Bathing Box Policy was adopted in May 2006 and last reviewed in July 2012. The introduction of the Marine and Coastal Act and Policy as well as changes to the Victorian Coastal Strategy, has influenced the overarching direction and management of Bathing Boxes and Boat Sheds on the foreshore. Council's existing Bathing Box/ Boat Shed Policy required review to better align with the current strategic direction and the changing needs of existing licence holders.</p>	<p>From 23 August 2023 to 25 September 2023 180 people visited the site on Engage Frankston with a total of 264 views. Of these visitors, 3 provided feedback and the Policy was downloaded from the Engage Frankston platform 8 times.</p>
	Summary of outcomes
	<p>The number of views and downloads suggests acceptance of the Policy. Through the feedback received we were able to clarify the Policy to make the information more broadly accessible. Specifically, the Policy was updated to clarify pre-requisites for holding a licence, licence transfer requirements in relation to deceased estates and maintenance requirements.</p>
Community Consultation Process	Recommendations and Next Steps
<p>Extensive consultation was undertaken with priority external and internal stakeholders in 2021 and 2022. The resulting feedback where appropriate was included in the updated draft Policy. On 31 July 2023 Council endorsed the updated draft Policy to be publicly exhibited. From 23 August 2023 to 25 September 2023, an engagement page was set up on the Engage Frankston Platform to ensure the Draft Policy meets community expectations. The community were invited to provide feedback about the Draft Policy and provided the opportunity to be directly contacted about their feedback. A direct e-mail notification to 539 Engage Frankston subscribers with a corresponding area of interest was also provided.</p>	<p>Following the updates made to the Policy in response to community feedback, it will now be recommended that Council consider adopting the Policy. The community will be kept informed of the outcome via Council's website and the Engage Frankston Platform.</p>